

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the same-numbered claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering web search results, said method comprising the steps of:
 - using a search engine returning an ordered results set for a search statement;
 - identifying a presence of a point query in said search statement;
 - if said point query is present, accepting said ordered results set;
 - identifying a presence of a recurring search event in said results set, wherein said recurring search event consists of information in said ordered results set relating to any of a same entity and occurs at different intervals of time, and different versions of information relating to said same entity;
 - if a recurring search event is present, then identifying a pattern from said results set, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set;
 - identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern;
 - ranking said related pages; and
 - reordering said ordered set to place said related pages first[.]; and
 - presenting the reordered ordered set with said related pages placed first to a user.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, including the further steps of comprising:

~~identifying a presence of a point query in said search statement; and~~
~~if said point query is present, accepting said ordered results set. wherein said recurring~~
search event consists of different sets of information relating to an event or entity marked by any
of an ascending and descending series of numbers.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein said point query is identified by a presence of keywords.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said keywords include a form of alphanumeric characters.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include four digits.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include Roman numerals.
7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include a n^{th} sequence.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said the reordering step process orders said related pages relatively based on rank.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said the ranking step process includes determining a degree of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, where the degree of match is based upon at least one of a title, snippet, and entire content of said web page.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said the reordering process is performed on a basis of time such that a most recent web page appears first.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~3~~, wherein ~~identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set.~~ said recurring search event occurs when said keywords appear in said results set are within exactly 10-15 words before or after occurrences of said search statement.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 1, further including identifying equal incremental changes in said attribute in different web pages.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said attribute is numeric.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said attribute is based on a representation of any of a date, time and year.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 1, wherein a nearness of an attribute is

determined by a separation of N words.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for ranking web search results, said method comprising the steps of:

identifying a presence of a point query in a search statement, wherein said point query is identified by a presence of keywords;

identifying a presence of a recurring search event in a results set for [[a]] said search statement, wherein said recurring search event consists of information in said ordered results set relating to any of a same entity and occurs at different intervals of time, and different versions of information relating to said same entity, and wherein said recurring search event occurs when keywords appear in said results set are within 10-15 words before or after occurrences of said search statement;

identifying a pattern from said results set, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set;

identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern; and

ranking said related pages[[.]]; and

presenting the ranked related pages to a user.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein said the ranking step process includes determining a degree of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer system for ordering web search results comprising:
an input interface operable for receiving a user specified search statement;
a processor operable for implementing a search engine to return an ordered set of search results for said search statement, ~~and further identifying a presence of a recurring search event in said results set and if so, identifying a pattern from said results set, identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern, ranking said related pages, and reordering said ordered set to place said related pages first~~ identifying a presence of a point query in said search statement; if said point query is present, accepting said ordered results set; identifying a presence of a recurring search event in said results set, wherein said recurring search event consists of information in said ordered results set relating to any of a same entity and occurs at different intervals of time, and different versions of information relating to said same entity; if a recurring search event is present, then identifying a pattern from said results set, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set; identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern; ranking said related pages; and reordering said ordered set to place said related pages first; and
an output interface to output said reordered results set.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program carried on a storage medium, said computer program implementing a method for ordering web search results, said method comprising:

a pattern finding code element operable for identifying a presence of a recurring search event in a results set for a search statement;

a pattern identifying code element operable for identifying a pattern from said results set, and identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern; and

a pattern ranking agent code element for ranking said related pages.

identifying a presence of a point query in a search statement, wherein said point query is identified by a presence of keywords;

identifying a presence of a recurring search event in a results set for said search statement, wherein said recurring search event consists of information in said ordered results set relating to any of a same entity and occurs at different intervals of time, and different versions of information relating to said same entity, and wherein said recurring search event occurs when keywords appear in said results set are within 10-15 words before or after occurrences of said search statement;

identifying a pattern from said results set, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute and searching for said attribute near to an occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set;

identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern;

ranking said related pages; and

presenting the ranked related pages to a user.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein ~~said pattern ranking agent code~~ the ranking process determines a degree of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, ~~wherein said computer program further includes a query characterizer code element for~~ wherein said method further comprises identifying a presence of a point query in said search statement, and if present, bypassing said pattern finding code element.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, ~~wherein said computer program further includes a search engine code element for~~ wherein said method further comprises generating said results set.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, ~~wherein said computer program further includes an ordering agent code element for~~ wherein said method further comprises ordering said results set such that said related pages come before non-related pages.